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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1159

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: License Branch Hours on Election Days.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a license branch is not required to be open on election day or the day before election day to issue driver's licenses and identification cards if there are no precincts in the county in which an election is held on election day.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Expenditures for the operation of particular license branches may be reduced provided that the particular license branch was to be open on election day and the day before election day and now will not be required to be open. The overall impact is expected to be minimal, given the infrequency of such occurrences. The fund affected is the state License Branch Fund, which supports the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC).

Background Information: Over the last three fiscal years, the BMVC has spent, on average, \$74.4 M per year for the operation of the license branches, with approximately \$57.9 M spent per year for salaries. During the last election cycle (November 2005), when very few offices were contested, the BMV spent approximately \$78,800 in salaries to maintain certain offices. [Note: A complete list of additional payroll costs by license branch is available from the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis.]

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Appropriation and Allotment Trial Balances for the years cited; Mike Barnhart, Legislative Liaison for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 317-233-1218; Valerie Gill, Director of Branch Operations for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 317-233-3517.

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